

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Insert the following amended claims.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an arbor mounting hole in a circular blade, said method comprising the steps of:
providing a circular blade having a geometric center point;
forming an arbor mounting hole in said circular ~~base~~ blade
that is symmetrically shaped about either side of a mid-line;
wherein said mid-line does not extend through said geometric center point of said circular blade.

2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said step of forming an arbor mounting hole includes forming an arbor mounting hole that has five flat edges.

3. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein said step of forming an arbor mounting hole includes forming an arbor mounting hole having

- a first long side edge;
- a second long side edge, wherein said first long side edge and said second long side edge intersect at a first angle, and wherein said first angle is bisected by said mid-line;
- a top side edge that lay perpendicular to said mid-line;
- a first short side edge connecting said first long side edge to said top side edge; and
- a second short side edge connecting said second long side edge to said top side edge.

4. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein said

first long side edge, said second long side edge, said top edge, said first short side edge and said second short side edge are all straight edges.

5. (Original) The method according to Claim 3, wherein said first long side edge, said second long side edge, said top edge, said first short side edge and said second short side edge form the edges of a continuous hole having five points of intersection between sides.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of forming an arbor mounting hole in a circular blade that can be mounted on both symmetrical and asymmetrical mounting arbors, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a circular blade having a geometric center;

forming an arbor hole in said circular blade, wherein said

~~arbor hole is symmetrically formed about an imaginary mid-line,~~
has at least five straight side edges that include;

a first long side edge;

a second long side edge, wherein said first long side edge and said second long side edge intersect at a first angle, and wherein said first angle is bisected by an imaginary mid-line;

a top side edge;

a first short side edge connecting said first long side edge to said top side edge; and

a second short side edge connecting said second long side edge to said top side edge;

wherein said imaginary mid-line is offset from the geometric center of said circular blade ~~;~~ and

~~providing at least one removable insert that is received by said arbor hole, wherein said insert defines a mounting hole that corresponds to the geometric center of said circular blade.~~

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said first long side edge, said second long side edge, said top edge, said first short side edge and said second short side edge form the edges of a continuous hole having five points of intersection

between sides.

15. (New) The method according to Claim 11, further including the step of providing at least one removable insert that is received by said arbor hole, wherein said insert defines a mounting hole having a center of rotation that aligns with the geometric center of said circular blade.